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PARIS FOR EMBASSY, KOHLER, USRO, STOESSEL AND FINN

RMR FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY BORDER-CROSSER SITUATION AS PIECED  
TOGETHER FROM SENAT AND PRIVATE SOURCES. THERE HAS BEEN  
NOTABLE INCREASE OF BORDER CROSSERS AMONG REFUGEES, FROM  
AVERAGE OF 5-8 PER CENT IN RECENT WEEKS TO ALMOST 15 PER  
CENT YESTERDAY. SENAT OFFICIAL BELIEVES THAT SITUATION  
WOULD HAVE TO BE OBSERVED FOR ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE IT CAN  
BE ESTABLISHED WHETHER HIGH PERCENTAGE DURING LAST 24  
HOURS WAS BEGINNING OF TREND.

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SENAT INVESTIGATING CASES OF PRESSURE REPORTEDLY BROUGHT  
AGAINST BORDER CROSSERS IN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE EXTENT  
AND INTENSITY OF EAST GERMAN INTIMIDATION CAMPAIGN. WEST  
BERLIN PRESS, ESPECIALLY TABLOIDS, GIVING SENSATIONALIST  
TREATMENT TO "TERROR AND BRUTE FORCE" AGAINST BORDER  
CROSSERS (HEADLINE IN B.Z. AUG 2). STORIES INCLUDE REPORTS  
THAT BORDER CROSSERS ON WAY TO WORK BEING TAKEN OUT  
OF BUSES BY VOPO'S AND RELEASED ONLY IN RETURN FOR PROMISE  
TO ABANDON WORK IN WEST BERLIN. (ONE SUCH CASE OF SOVZONE  
RESIDENT EMPLOYED SINCE 1927 BY BEWAT - WEST BERLIN  
MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL WORKS - HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY SENAT.)  
ACCORDING TO OTHER PRESS REPORTS, SED HAS DEMANDED SPECIAL  
PASS BE ISSUED TO BORDER CROSSERS. SENAT OFFICIALS AND  
PRIVATE FIRMS QUESTIONED BY MISSION REPORT ONLY NORMAL  
ABSENTEEISM OF BORDER CROSSERS YESTERDAY AND TODAY;

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SITUATION APPARENTLY STABILIZED SINCE EARLY AUG 1 REPORTS  
GIVEN TO MAYOR BRANDT AND REPORTED BY HIM TO US (BERLIN'S  
118 TO DEPT, 102 TO BONN).

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EAST PRESS REPORTED DISPATCH EBERT LETTER WITHOUT SPECIAL  
COMMENT IN CONTEXT STORIES CALLING FOR STRONGER MEASURES  
AGAINST BORDER CROSSERS.

WEST PRESS REPORTED SENAT SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED RECEIPT OF  
LETTER BUT REFUSED ALL FURTHER COMMENT.

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